(3) The lands required for the work could not be got acquired before the end of the year 1110. There is no provision for the work in the current year.

Stone-ware Factory.

380. Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the total capital investment in the Stone-ware Factory, up to the end of 1110 M. E.;

(2) the value of the unsold stock at the end of Mithunam 1110;

(3) particulars and value of unsold stock at present;

(4) what are the present arrangements for the sale of the products of the Stone-ware Factory?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Rs. 3,59,425—12—9.

(2) Rs. 40,862—12—8.

(3) Please see the appended list. (*Appendix IV.*)

(4) The Government Pottery Expert is looking after the sales section also at present. District Agents who are paid 5% commission on sales are appointed in the following places:

(1) Cochin and Travancore.

(2) Canara and Coorg.

(3) Tinnevelly and Madura.

(4) Districts on the meter gauge line between Madras and Madura excluding Madras and Madura.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—The total value of the cost of finished articles up to the end of Vrischigam 1111 is Rs. 34931 — 8 — 0 plus 14,042 — 15 — 4. Is that the total value?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—In answer to sub-division (2) the value of the unsold stock at the end of Mithunam is given as 40,862—12—8. Does this include the 14,000 and odd which is given as the value of old stock?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—So then the value of finished articles at the end of Mithunam comes to somewhere about 26,000 rupees?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—The value of finished articles today comes to about 35,000 rupees?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—At the end of Vrischigam the value comes to 34000 and odd rupees.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—The value of finished articles at the end of Mithunam is 25000 and odd rupees. The value at the end of Vrischigam is 34 thousand and odd rupees. Taking only the new articles the value has come to 9,000 rupees. May I know the approximate value of the monthly output?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—About 3,500 rupees.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—So that you have got about eight or ten months stock?

Mr V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is it possible for the Government to say that it is a commercially successful concern.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Judged from the present working of the potteries, I can confidently say that it is commercially sound.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Has it ever published a balance sheet?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We have prepared a balance sheet every year but not published.

Mr. President.—Up till now the accounts of the potteries were not kept on a commercial basis so that it is not possible to know whether it is working on a profit or loss. From 1112 onwards the accounts of the potteries will be kept separately as a commercial section and in the actual budget you will find only the net profit or loss from the factory, and a commercial balance sheet is proposed to be prepared year after year.

Opening of a gate at the Kurumali Bridge to Rappal.

381. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Chief Engineer has taken action to open a gate at the Kurumali Bridge to Rappal?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There is already a wicket at the Kurumali Railway Bridge and action is being taken to widen it so as to admit of vehicular traffic.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will it be done this year?

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APPENDIX IV.

(Question No. 380.)

Value of the stock of finished articles at the end of Vrischigam 1111.

Description of articles				Amount Rs.	As.	Ps.	Remarks
Pickle jars 1st class	7710	pounds at	0—1—4	642	8	0	2 lbs. and below
Do	296789	do	0—1—2	21,640	13	10	above 2 lbs.
Do 2nd class	12084	do	at 2/3 price of 1st class	671	5	4	2 lbs. and below
Do do	58873	do	do	2,861	14	1 1/3	above 2 lbs.
Bug jars 1st class	12174	do	at 0—1—3	951	1	6	2 lbs. and below
Do	44321	do	at 0—1—1	3,000	14	5	above 2 lbs.
Do 2nd class	4294	do	at 2/3 price of 1st class	223	10	8	2 lbs. and below
Do	5890			265	13	5	above 2 lbs.
Stew pots 1st class	5521	lbs.	at 0—1—5	488	13	5	2 lbs. and below
Do	22365	do	at 0—1—3	1,747	4	3	above 2 lbs.
Do 2nd class	2820	do	at 2/3 price of 1st class	166	7	4	2 lbs. and below
Do	4006			208	10	8	above 2 lbs.
Round bellico pot 1st class	62 lbs.	at	0—1—5	5	7	10	
Do	1954 lbs.	at	0—1—3	152	10	6	
Do 2nd class	169	do		8	12	10	

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APPENDIX IV—(*cont.*)

Description of articles	Amount Rs.	As.	Ps.	Remarks
Screw jars 1st class 11421 lbs. at 0—1—5	1,011	3	9	
Do 2nd class 1838 do at 0—1—3	143	9	6	
Snuff jars 1st class 1240½ Qts.	166	6	3	
Do 2nd class 773¼ do	56	10	5 1/3	
Pink jars 1st class 8 Nos. of different sizes	5	6	2	
Do 2nd class No. 1	0	2	0	
Narrow mouthed acid jar 1st class 2 Nos.	5	10	8	
Do 2nd class 1 No.	1	14	2 2/3	
Soap bowls 14 Nos.	2	6	0	
Ink jars of 2 sizes—21 Nos.	6	8	0	
Store jars of different sizes—1st class	156	0	11	
Do 2nd class	5	4	7	
Sundry articles such as flower pot, jugs, tea pots, vases, commodes, plates, ash trays, bowls, etc., etc.	334	1	0	
Total ...	34,931	8	0 1/3	

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APPENDIX IV—(*co*

Value of old stock of articles at the end of Vrischigam 1111.

Description of articles	Amount Rs.	As.	Ps.	Remarks
Pipes of different and varigated sizes such as 3", 4", 6", 7", 9", etc., 8157 Nos.	5,925	0	0	
Vitrified bricks 3rd class 3040 Nos.	114	0	0	
Wire cut bricks 12587	392	7	3	
Lining blocks, Cupola bricks, arch bricks, pillar bricks, furnace linings, etc., of different sizes Nos. 6495	591	8	8	
Terra Cotta flower pot 8 Nos.	1	0	0	
Minton flooring tiles 4", 6" hex 3,40,917 Nos.	5,554	7	9	
Fire bricks 441 Nos.	18	7	8	
Special arch bricks 160 Nos.	14	6	4	
Ashes—100 tins	7	13	0	
Surki 33 parahs	3	1	6	
Glazed jars of different sizes 2000	848	7	0	
Goblets 115 Nos.	28	12	0	
Tea-pot 630 Nos.	315	0	0	
Experimental stock of jars, lugs, mugs, bowls and other sundry articles	112	4	3	
Old stock of sundry articles such as paper weights, flower vases, insolators, ink bottles, tumblers, oil cups, medicine jars, bowls, etc., etc., 1133 Nos.	116	4	0	
Total ..	14,042	15	5	